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End of Day -- June 15, 2018

Have a great weekend!

PRESS

San Luis Obispo (Camillia Lanham) [Received 6/15]—OPEN—Reporter is looking for information on the Arroyo Grande aquifer exemption. Asked reporter to send details on request as well as deadline information. WTR, Nahal Mogharabi.

NBC San Diego (Audra Stafford) [Received 6/14]—OPEN—Reporter is looking to interview EPA on a recent action against Diamond Environmental criminal case. Reached out to reporter for more information on request as well as deadline information. Waiting to hear back. SoCal, CID, Nahal Mogharabi.

Cronkite News Service (Rachel Banks) [Received 6/12] – OPEN – Reporter has been interviewing EPA contractor, Liz Clawson of Clawson Excavating and plans to be in Cove next week. Wants to interview RPM. Spoke with reporter and sent RPM guidance for on-camera interviews. SFD Navajo Nation, Margot Perez-Sullivan

Reuters (Valerie Volcovici) [Received 6/12] – CLOSED– Reporter has questions on Tetra Tech contract, selection process and accomplishments to date. Worked with Sfund, ORC and EMD on response. Navajo Nation, SFD/EMD Margot Perez-Sullivan

Arizona Daily Star (Tony Davis) [Received 6/13] – OPEN – reporter would like clarification of the PFOA-PFOS 2016 health advisory. Coordinated with program, sent statement, waiting on HQ approval. Story will run on Sunday. WTR, AZ Margot Perez-Sullivan

Sierra Vista Herald (Shar Porier) [Received 6/14] – OPEN– Reporter requested copy of letter regarding Naco transboundary sewage flow following an algal bloom and the death of 10 cattle attributed to flows. Reporter has follow up questions; coordinating with program to answer. WTR, Border, AZ Margot Perez-Sullivan

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Social Media:

Harmful Algal Blooms – Posted to our <u>Twitter</u> page about a new, collaborative approach to harmful algal blooms and linked to our web page, <u>The One Health Approach to Harmful Algal Blooms</u>.

Web Updates:

Public Notice/Clean Water Act – Published the <u>Public Notice: Taylor Farms Retail Inc., Salinas, California: Proposed Settlement of Clean Water Act Class II Administrative Penalty and Opportunity to Comment and related content.</u>

Air – Updated our Air Quality Analysis page and archived a few out-of-date web pages about air topics.

CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA-12): Brent Maier has confirmed an offered meeting from Savannah Polzin, Deputy Director of Scheduling in the Office of Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi for a meeting with Leader Pelosi and EPA Regional Administrator Mike Stoker for Wednesday, June 27th at 1:00pm in the Capitol, H-204. Brent let their office know that our Chief of Staff Amy Miller will be accompanying RA Stoker to this meeting. In addition, OCIR's Carolyn Levine let us know that Aaron Ringel, EPA's Deputy Associate Administrator for Congressional Affairs is also planning to attend this meeting. The primary focus of discussion for this meeting is expected to be the Hunters Point Superfund Site.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA): Brent Maier is awaiting word from Chesna Foord, Director of Scheduling and/or Freda Hawver Pachter, Deputy Scheduler in the DC Office of Senator Dianne Feinstein as to whether we can confirm a meeting for Regional Administrator Mike Stoker and Senator Feinstein when he is back in Washington, DC on June 27, 2018. We have received word that a decision is expected soon.

Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA): Brent Maier is awaiting word from Michelle Rothblum, Director of Scheduling and Marguerite Biagi, Scheduler in the Office of Senator Kamala Harris to see if a meeting can be arranged for Regional Administrator Mike Stoker and Sen. Harris for Wednesday, June 27th. No response has yet been received from the Senator's schedulers.

Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA): Brent Maier received an inquiry from June Williams, District Director in the Senator's San Francisco office regarding her interest in knowing EPA's past and ongoing engagement with the San Francisco Mayor's Hunters Point Shipyard Citizens Advisory Committee. Brent reached out to Superfund's Hunters Point team to make them aware of this inquiry. Superfund's Community Involvement Coordinator Jackie Lane and David Yogi put together a summary of EPA's engagement that Brent shared with June Williams along with a chronology of engagement with the community and others.

Congressional Outreach on San Carlos Apache Herbicides Drum & Soil Sampling Program: Brent Maier shared with Congressional staff in the Offices of Senators John McCain and Jeff Flake and Congressman Tom O'Halleran a June 2018 U.S. EPA factsheet entitled, "San Carlos Apache Herbicides Drum & Soil Sampling Program". EPA working with the San Carlos Apache Tribe Environmental Protection Agency (SCAT EPA), is planning a collection of historically contaminated barrels, or "drums" throughout the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation.

Congressional Outreach on Navajo Nation Fact Sheets: Brent Maier shared with Congressional staff in the Offices of Senators John McCain and Jeff Flake and Congressman Tom O'Halleran three (3) U.S. EPA factsheets involving the Navajo Nation, entitled, "Trust Mines Background and Site Updates – May 2018"; "Ruby Mines #1 and #3 Site Update – April 2018"; and Abandoned Uranium Mine Settlement on the Navajo Nation – April 2018".

Results of 2018 Congressional Baseball Game: Democrats continued to show their dominance on the diamond Thursday night with in a massive 21–5 win over the Republicans at the 57th annual Congressional Baseball Game. https://www.rollcall.com/news/politics/democrats-score-big-21-5-blowout-gop Rosters of Democratic and Republican Members playing in last night's game: https://www.congressionalbaseball.org/teams/

EPA Budget Update: In a rare bipartisan spending move, Senate appropriators have unanimously approved a fiscal year 2019 spending bill that would slightly boost EPA's funding compared to current levels, and that includes few policy riders -- but the bipartisan agreement could give way to a contentious floor fight, as well as a struggle reconciling it with the House's bill that would reduce EPA's funding. The FY19 bill, released June 14th after a markup by the full Senate Appropriations Committee, could mark a return to "regular order" spending practices after years where Congress has been unable to pass individual appropriations laws, and has instead funded the government through continuing resolutions and omnibus packages that largely preserved funding levels from year to year.

For the moment, the legislation has bipartisan support for holding steady EPA's current \$8.058 billion budget -- including small increases for the agency's Environmental Programs and Management and Science and Technology accounts, and the state revolving fund (SRF) account that helps fund clean water and drinking water infrastructure. – *Inside EPA*

Upcoming Congressional Meetings, Hearings, Intergovernmental Meetings and Events:

Wednesday, June 20, 2018: Senate Environment and Public Works Committee: Confirmation hearing for Peter Wright, nominee for U.S. EPA Assistant Administrator for the Office of Land and Emergency Management. https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings

Thursday, June 21, 2018 – House Science Committee: The House Science Subcommittee on Environment plans to hold a hearing on background ozone levels and international transport of ozone. No EPA witness expected.